

Mr. President : I should like to associate myself on behalf of the Chair with what has been said and request the House to pass the motion standing.

Motion passed nem con, all members standing as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased

Adjournment Motions

Mr. President : I have received notice of five adjournment motions. No. 1 is from Mr. Bhaskara Menon. It is disallowed on the ground that the matter cannot be discussed consistently with public interests. No. 2 is disallowed because it is not a matter of urgent public importance. No. 3 is also disallowed for the same reason. No. 4 which is tabled by Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar is disallowed for the same reason. No. 5 tabled by Mr. A. Eachara Menon is also disallowed because it is not a matter of urgent public importance.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (Nellayi): Is there any objection to read those adjournment motions?

Mr. President : I have already given my ruling on the matter.

Statement Placed on the Table

Mr. P. V. Raphael (Comptroller of Finance and Accounts : Sir, Under Rule 58 of the Legislative Council Rules, I beg to place the following statement of expenditure authorised by Government under Section 28 (1) (c) of the Government of Cochin Act, 1113.

Serial No.	Head of Account	Amount Rs.	Remarks
1	Cranganur Jails	8	Increased expenditure incurred in 1117 for the grant of dearness allowance to the Jail Staff and transferred from "Law and Justice"

SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS

1. Rs. 1,000 under "4—Co-operative Societies—Co-operative Department Contingencies—Miscellaneous"

Mr. T. K. Nayar (Minister for Rural Development): Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,000 under "4—Co-operative Societies—Co-operative Department contingencies—Miscellaneous". As stated in my speech during the last Budget Session, it is proposed to constitute a Committee to make enquiries and submit a scheme for the improvement of the working of the Co-operative Societies in the State. The expenditure on this account is estimated at Rs. 1,000. As there is no provision for this in the current year's budget and as it is too premature to ascertain whether savings will be available for reappropriation from other grants the additional allotment has become necessary. I request that the house may be pleased to grant this amount.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon (Cranganur): Sir, I am not opposing the grant. The Standing Finance Committee suggested that the amount of Rs. 1,000 seems to be too much than necessary. My submission to this House is this is a committee which need not do much travelling. Practically the proceedings of every society will be incorporated in the form of reports and all these reports will be available with the Registrar. What this committee has got to do is to sit at a central place, go through all these reports and device ways and means of improving the working of the societies.

I find that among the various items which go to make up this Rs. 1,000 there is the provision for the pay of the Secretary Rs. 75. I think this is a matter in which such a highly paid Secretary is not necessary because the Registrar of Co-operative Societies happens to be a member and he can easily be the Secretary of the Committee and he can run the show thereby economising especially when the Government is finding itself pressed for funds. In these little ways many economies can be effected. I request the Hon'ble Member to see that the allotment is not pressed to the extent of Rs. 1,000. There is a normal tendency on the part of Government, to spend up to the last pie of the allotment. If the provision is made smaller and if eventually it is found insufficient I think there is this House always willing and ready to vote anything that the Hon'ble Minister wants.